

60. (Amended) The collapsible container as in claim 55, wherein compression forces acting in a direction generally parallel with said central axis cause one or more said collapsible surface portions to deform, thereby causing the distance between said top portion and said [bottom] base portion to decrease.

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**Remarks**

RE 36,377 issued with 65 claims, six of which are independent (Claims 1, 16, 20, 27, 41, and 55). By the present amendment, claims 1-3, 20, 23-27, 36, 41, 46, 49, 55 and 60 have been amended and claims 22, 30, 42 and 59 have been canceled. Enclosed herewith are a set of all pending claims marked to show the above amendments.

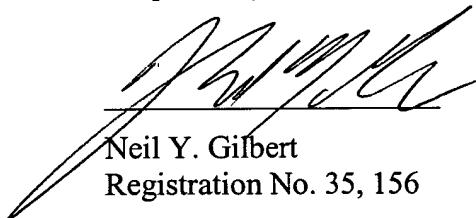
Applicant submits no new matter has been added by these amendments and that the claims have not been broadened by these amendments.

As set forth in Applicant's Reissue Declaration, the present amendments are presented to correct certain errors in the RE 36,377 claims.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and allowance of the presently amended application. If a telephone interview would facilitate prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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